में हुई वृद्धि से लौह अयस्क की छूट आदि कुछ ऐसे उपाय हैं जो कि अंतर्राष्ट्रीय बाजारों में लौह अयस्क के निर्यात को प्रतियोगी बनाने के लिए उठाए गए हैं/प्रस्तावित हैं।

(ङ) लौह अयस्क मुख्यतः जापान, दक्षिण कोरिया, रोमानिया, जर्मन जनवादी गणराज्य, चीन और पाकिस्तान को निर्यात किया जाता है। पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान जापान को लौह अयस्क निर्यातों से हुई पोत पर्यन्त निःशुल्क वसूली जो कि कुल भारतीय लौह अयस्क निर्यातों के 50 प्रतिशत से अधिक है, नीचे दर्शायी गई हैं :—

(संयुक्त राज्य अमरीकी सेंट प्रति एकक की प्रति टन)

वर्ष	बेलाडिला लम्प (पिंड)	बेलाडिला फाइन (चूर्ण)
1985-86	30.72	26.23
1986-87	29.22	24.95
1987-88	27.75	23.71

Exemption of forest Land from rules and Regulations made under the Forest Conservation Act, 1980

1694. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have exempted forest land in different States from the rules and regulations of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof including the number of hectares of forest land exempted for the purpose; and

(c) what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Pollution of Narmada Water

1695. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of pollution of Narmada Water in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative what steps have been taken to control the pollution of Narmada Water.

(c) whether any action plan has been prepared for cleaning the water of Narmada river on the pattern of Ganga Action Plan;

(d) if so, what are the details of such Action Plan; and

(e) if the reply to part (c) above be in negative whether Government would consider to prepare an Action Plan to clean Narmada Water?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The steps taken include the following:

(i) Standards for river water quality have been prescribed.

(ii) Three water quality monitoring stations have been set up on the Narmada under the National Water Quality Monitoring Network.

(iii) Minimal National Standards for effluents from major polluting industries have been laid for implementation by State Pollution Control Board.

(iv) General standards and standards for discharge of industrial effluents for fifteen major categories of water-polluting industries have been notified under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

(v) Conditional consents are issued to industries subject to their adopting satisfactory pollution control measures.

(c) to (e) The Madhya Pradesh State Government have sanctioned a scheme with an outlay of Rs. 427.93 lakhs for the Narmada Action Plan.

National Integration Day

1696. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether October 31, 1988 was observed as National Integration Day;

(b) if so, the details of programmes launched on that day to promote national integration;

(c) when the meeting of the National Integration Council was last held and when its next meeting will be held; and

(d) the progress made in respect of the schemes launched by that Council to promote National Integration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) 31st October, 1988, was observed as Rashtriya Sankalp Divas (National Rededication Day).

(c) and (d) The last meeting of National Integration Council was held on 12-9-1986, to review the welfare measures for the minorities with special references to 15-Point Programme of late Prime Minister Smt. Indira Gandhi. This meeting was followed by a meeting of Standing Committee of NIC held on 23rd June, 1987, to discuss the interim report submitted by the Sub-Group of NIC, headed by Shri P. N. Haksar. The copies of the interim report of the Sub-Group, which was unanimously accepted and adopted for further discussion, have since been forwarded to all concerned for initiating necessary action. The next meeting of NIC has not yet been fixed.

Renewal of work permit of Shri Nusli Wadia

1697. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the statement made by Janata Party General Secretaries in which they have regretted the fact that Union Home Ministry has renewed the work permit of Mr. Wadia, Chairman of Bombay Dyeing who holds the British Passport as reported in the Times of India of the 17th February, 1988 under the heading 'Renewal of Nusli's Permit, decried; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the renewal of work permit of the Chairman of Bombay Dyeing when strictures have been passed against him for his anti-India activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The Press report has come the notice of the Government.

(b) There is no system of grant of work permit to the foreigners under the Foreigners Act, 1946 or the Registration of Foreigners Act, 1939 or the rules framed thereunder.